

**Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice
(MHealScProfPr)
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc)
College Education, Health and Human Development**



Key facts about the programme

- 1** Designed to meet current and emerging workforce needs.
- 2** Flexible with the opportunity to suit your interests, current employment, or career goals.
- 3** Covers health and wellbeing through the lifespan, from early intervention in childhood to palliative care.
- 4** Focuses on the health system, from the management of health information to health in communities.



The health workforce is becoming more diverse and interdisciplinary, creating exciting career opportunities. UC's Health Sciences qualifications give you considerable flexibility to plan a programme to suit your interests and aspirations.

What does this programme cover?

MHealScProfPr and PGDipHealSc students can choose an endorsement in the following areas:

1. Environment and Health
2. Health Behaviour Change
3. Health and Community
4. Health Information Management
5. Palliative Care

Choose from various course topics including:

- Health systems
- Information management
- Environmental health
- Bioethics
- Culture
- Motivating behaviour change

Students also have the option to complete the MHealSc by thesis.

Nursing pathway

In addition, the University offers a two-year postgraduate pathway to nursing through the MHealScProfPr(Nursing) programme combined with the Bachelor of Nursing degree (Ara Institute of Canterbury).

What are the entry requirements?

You normally need a bachelor's degree relevant to health sciences, or an appropriate health or allied professional qualification of at least three years equivalent fulltime tertiary study. Students are normally expected to have some bioscience in their academic background with a B average or better.

To check if you meet the eligibility criteria please contact a Student Advisor. For details go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/education/student-advice-and-forms/

Entry into the Nursing pathway

Students applying for the postgraduate Nursing pathway must concurrently apply for both the MHealSc at the University of Canterbury and for the Bachelor of Nursing at Ara Institute of Canterbury.

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Start Dates

- February
- July (excludes Nursing pathway)

Months to Complete

- MHealScProfPr18 Months
- PGDipHealSc1 to 2 years fulltime; up to 4 years part-time

Features

- 180 points, coursework-based degree
- Manawa – the new world-class hub for health education, located in the city's health precinct

English Language Requirements

English	Overall	Lowest Band
IELTS	6.5*	6.0
TOEFL	90	20 writing
Pearson	58	50

* Note: Nursing pathway IELTS 7.0



Graduate Profile

'I had an interest in the non-clinical field of health, and a degree in Health Sciences, with an endorsement in Health Information Management was exactly the right thing for me to study. Technology is on a fast track in research and development, and has a direct impact on the health field.'

Dhita de LaRoche

MHealSc with an endorsement in Health Information Management



Graduate Profile

'I enjoy the contrast and variety of papers that make up this degree (from the schools of Health Sciences, Sports Coaching, Biological Sciences, Geography). It focuses on health "illness prevention"; rather than on "illness cure". The degree will enable me to share my passion in empowering our Pasifika peoples to become fitter, healthier and happier communities.'

Suli Tuitaupe

MHealScProfPr(Nursing)

What are the fees?

Tuition fees are subject to change and are reviewed annually. There are also non-tuition costs such as insurance and student visa.

2020 Tuition Fees

Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice (180 points)NZD \$36,750

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (120 points)NZD \$24,500

For more information visit <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/masters-degrees/master-of-health-sciences-professional-practice/>

What careers can this lead to?

Graduates of the UC Health Sciences postgraduate programmes have gained employment in the following roles:

- Public health management and coordination
- Teachers and lecturers in health education
- Health policy writers and advocates
- Health research
- Nursing

Enrolment information

How to apply

Apply online through myUC: <https://myuc.canterbury.ac.nz>

When to enrol

Applications need to be in 5 weeks before the programme starts. We recommend that you apply as early as possible in advance of your intended start date, to allow for visa and other arrangements.

Who to contact

Before applying, it is wise to consult with a UC Country Manager. They can give you advice about qualifications, admissions, visas, fees, accommodation, and travel. Contact us at www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/contact-us

Student Support

Once enrolled at UC, we can help you adjust to life in a new country, meet local students, and succeed in your studies.

- Attend International Orientation
- Find a mentor
- Sign up with UC Career Hub

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Why New Zealand?

- 4th in the world for peacefulness
- 3rd in the world for personal freedom

Why Christchurch?

- Second largest city in New Zealand
- Easy to get around
- Lowest unemployment rate in Australasia
- Strong economy

Why the University of Canterbury

- 227th in the 2020 QS World University Rankings
- Ranked in the Top 125 universities in the world for Health Sciences (Times Higher Education).
- New Education and Health Sciences building completed in 2019
- Dedicated career and internship department for job searching